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DEPT FOR DIANE GORDON, INR/OIL/B/HONDURAS

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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

REF: SERGEANT-GORDON LETTER OF APRIL 30

1. A COPY OF MISS GORDON'S APRIL 30 LETTER TO MR. SERGEANT RECEIVED BY THE AMBASSADOR. HOWEVER, ORIGINAL LETTER ENCLOSING BIOGRAPHIC REPORTS NOT RECEIVED. THEREFORE, EMBASSY UNABLE TO COMMENT ON SPECIFIC REPORTS BY MAY 7.

2. DECEMBER 10, 1974 ISSUE OF BIOGRAPHIC HANDBOOK FOR HONDURAS CONTAINS BACKGROUND BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON COLONEL MELGAR. IN ANSWER TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, HE HAS ONLY TWO CHILDREN BY HIS PRESENT WIFE AND THE PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION OF HIS LAST NAME SHOULD BE MELGHAR. IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION CONTAINED IN HANDBOOK, MELGAR WAS ASSIGNED AS FIRST BRIGADE COMMANDER OF NORTHERN MILITARY REGION AT SAN PEDRO SULA ON FEBRUARY 1. THIS ASSIGNMENT WAS SUPERCEDED ON MARCH 31 WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES. HE WAS NAMED CHIEF OF STATE BY THE SUPERIOR DEFENSE COUNCIL ON APRIL 22.

3. PHOTOS OF COLONEL MELGAR, COLONEL PAZ AND THE NEW CABINET MINISTERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT BY POUCH. A PICTURE OF MELGAR'S WIFE AND CHILDREN IS INCLUDED IN THAT GROUP. AT PRESENT WE HAVE NO PHOTOGRAPH OF FONMIN GALVEZ' WIFE.

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4. THE EMBASSY WILL COMMENT ON THE REPORTS AS SOON AS THEY ARE RECEIVED. HOWEVER, A GENERAL ANALYSIS OF THE NEW REGIME IS BEING TELEGRAPHED SHORTLY, AND WILL BE OF USE IN EVALUATING RELATIONSHIP OF COLONEL MELGAR TO LT. COLONELS' GROUP AND OF ROLES IN NEW GOVERNMENT. SANCHEZ

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